

In the Abstract:

c' Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure in the subject application with the Abstract of the Disclosure annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**.

In the specification:

Please replace lines 24 to 31 on page 9 of the original specification with the following paragraph:

CA **Figure 5A-5B.** Chromosomal mapping of the TREX gene on chromosome 8p12-p21. The biotin-labeled TREX cDNA probe and the digoxigenin-labeled chromosome 8 centromere-specific probe were cohybridized and detected. Chromosomes were counterstained with DAPI (blue). Fig. 5A shows the cohybridization to normal human metaphase spreads detected with avidin FITC (green signals). Fig. 5B shows the cohybridization to normal human prophase spreads detected with anti-digoxigenin-rhodamine (red signals).

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 6, 14 and 15 without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 7, 12, 16, 21, 98 and 101 as follows: